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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/4/2006

SPONSOR Nunez LAST UPDATED _____ HB 469

SHORT TITLE NMSU Viticulture Program SB _____

ANALYST Earp

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$75.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Senate Bill 530

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Higher Education Department (HED)
New Mexico State University (NMSU)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 469 appropriates \$75,000 from the general fund to New Mexico State University to support the viticulture program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$75,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund. These funds would augment a recurring appropriation of \$72,000 provided for this purpose in the General Appropriation Act. Additionally, a non-recurring appropriation of \$80,800 was made for the viticulture program in Chapter 34, Laws of 2005 (Senate Bill 190).

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This proposal was apparently not included among the special program funding requests submitted by the NMSU to the Higher Education Department (HED) for review. Consequently, this proposal has not been included in the HED fiscal year 2007 funding recommendations to the Legislature.

NMSU reports that this request adds funding for one extension faculty position and one-half clerical support staff, along with funding for supplies and operating expenses including travel within the state.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

No significant administrative impact is apparent.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 530 and House Bill 469 are duplicate measures.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

NMSU reports that the viticulture program responds to New Mexican grape growers' and wine producers' needs for practical information and recommendations for growing and managing their business. The viticulturist program will help achieve the university's extension education and research mission/role in the state. The program would be highly integrated with many institutions, including NMSU academic programs, New Mexico Department of Agriculture, Small Business Development Centers, county governments, tribal governments, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, agricultural producers associations, agribusinesses, and state and federal agencies.

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